areas, by acquiring 35,286 Line Kilometers (LK) of 2D and 34,834 Square Kilometers of 3D seismic surveys and drilling of 561 exploratory wells in both onland and offshore areas under its operations.

Acquisition of Sudan Oil Fields

4741. SHRI B. J. PANDA:
SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has tied up with Sudan through acquisition of stakes in its oil fields to secure its future crude requirements;

(b) whether India is also exploring to acquire the share in Sudanese crude supplies held by CNPC of China and Petronas of Singapore; and

(c) if so, the cumulative investment envisaged for all the above deals and to what extent these will take care of India's future crude requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL), the wholly owned subsidiary of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), acquired 25% stake of Talisman Energy Inc., Cananda in the Greater Nile Oil Project, Sudan investing US $ 720 million (Rs. 3,456 crores approx.) in the form of purchase price.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Crude Oil price in International Market

†4742. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether heavy fluctuation in the crude oil prices in the international market was noted from time to time during the years 2000, 2001 and 2002;

(b) if so, the minimum and maximum price of the crude oil in the international market during each of the said years, separately; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.